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THE LAKE BRUCE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT NEWS

The Lake Bruce Conservancy District held its monthly meeting Thursday, April 13, in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. All five directors and five freeholders were present for the meeting.

The minutes of the March meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

The chairman, Norm Steigely, went through correspondence received during the month. It was noted that the conservancy district has been awarded a LARE grant in the amount of \$13,000 for aquatic weed control and surveys of the lake during the year. A new bid process was implemented this year for the letting of bids. Two contractors were sent bid forms for this year's work as required by the grant. Also, a certificate of insurance of liability coverage was received from First Source Insurance stating coverage's carried by Wightman-Petrie for the sewer project.

Steigely reported he had been in touch with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to find out the status of the application for a grant for dredging portions of Lake Bruce. He was told that awards have not been decided upon to date but that they should be announced by the end of the month. Since the call did not seem very positive, a call was made to Senator Tom Weatherwax enlisting his help as the conservancy has jumped through every hoop required to date. Weatherwax said he would do everything in his power to help the conservancy obtain the grant this year. He has been a very ardent supporter of the efforts made by both the Lake Bruce Association and the Lake Conservancy to improve water quality and recreational opportunities at the lake.

Jay Cunningham, assistant fire chief of the Kewanna-Union Township Volunteer Fire Department, gave an informative presentation on the need to get a hydrant at Lake Bruce. He stated that under the new system, the department's rating has increased from 5 to 10 and it could mean a doubling of insurance rates for most of the people around the lake. He noted the fire department is trying to get more information on specifications and contractors for installing a hydrant and will forward that information to the conservancy. Director Tom Davies, owner of Hoosier Hide-away, will be coordinating efforts with other organizations and citizens to move this project forward.

Steve Fralish of Wightman-Petrie gave a detailed explanation of the final engineering contract

Health Fair, April 29

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will host its second annual community health fair Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. EDT.

Participating businesses and service organizations include Beltone Hearing Aids, Center for Sports & Physical Therapy, Council on Aging, Four County Counseling, Fulton County Massage, Life Care Center of Rochester, Manitou Training Center, Parker Family Medicine, PEAK Community Services, Pulaski Developmental Services, Pearl Street Market, Pulaski Health Care Center, Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac YMCA, Woodlawn Hospital and Wynnfield Crossing.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served and there will be door prize drawings every 30 minutes.

Townwide Clean-up Saturday, May 6

Kewanna's annual townwide clean-up day will be Saturday, May 6, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Two 40-yard roll-offs will be set inside the fence at 215 E. Maple Street to receive discarded items from **town residents only**. Items placed in the roll-offs must exclude tires, appliances (microwaves and televisions are acceptable), hazardous wastes, yard wastes or liquid wastes of any kind. Appliances can be gotten rid of through area scrape dealers.

There will also be a trailer at the same location for the collection of used tires.

for the sewage collection and treatment project. A copy of the contract was sent to the group's attorney and he has determined the contract is fair and thorough. Therefore, the board approved the contract. Another contract for a financial advisor in the amount of \$28,000 was reviewed and approved, also based on the advice of the district's attorney. Both agreements are contingent upon the district receiving funding from Rural Development.

It was also mentioned that the income survey that is being done by the directors is over 80% complete. The goal is to have it done by the end of April so it can be sent off for certification.

It was mentioned that the conservancy would have to look at what is required by the district for liability coverage for the sewer project. Currently, the district only has professional liability coverage for the directors.

The next meeting of the conservancy district board of directors will be at 7 p.m. EDT in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. The meeting is open to the public.

Lake Bruce Association to hold Spring Meeting/Clean Up

The board of directors of the Lake Bruce Association will hold its spring meeting Saturday, April 22, at 9 a.m. at the home of Chuck and Gail Scheeringa, 11099 West Willow Point Drive. All board members are urged to attend.

The meeting will be followed with the spring road side clean up. Anyone needing bags for the clean up may pick them up at the Scheeringa residence. Participation by all residents is encouraged.

Lake Residents Insurance Rates May Double

The Kewanna-Union Township Fire Department has given notification to the property owners at Lake Bruce that due to a change in the way fire protection is rated, they may see a huge increase in their homeowners insurance. The change in the rating process has moved the area from a rating of 5 to 10. Some insurance carriers have already doubled rates for some of the lake properties. This information was revealed during a presentation at a meeting of the Lake Bruce Conservancy board of directors Thursday, April 13.

Jay Cunningham, assistant fire chief, gave the presentation. He stated that the rate is determined by the response time, the distance to an adequate hydrant and the amount of water that can be made available at the scene. To get a favorable rating, the department needs to be able to pump 750 gallons of water a minute for a period of two hours.

To accomplish this, a hydrant needs to be available on the lake. The most economical system would be a dry hydrant. This would eliminate the need for a pump or any electrical connections to maintain. The base for a dry hydrant must be set at least 15 feet deep in the lake with a 6" pipe buried underground to a stand pipe that can be easily accessed by a pumper truck. There are probably only a couple of areas on the lake that would be suitable for the project.

It is hoped that the Lake Bruce Association, Lake Bruce Conservancy District and township can work together to fund this project. The fire department is currently trying to find out more information on design and qualified contractors to install the system.

Tom Davies, one of the LBCE directors, has volunteered to coordinate the project with the other organizations and the public. Any input should be addressed to him at the Hoosier Hide-Away, 574-653-2017.

Relay for Life Benefit, April 29

The Winamac Church of the Nazarene will host a dinner and auction Saturday, April 29, with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

A beef and noodle dinner will be served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. EDT. The cost will be a free will donation. An auction will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. with auctioneer, Bob Smith, auctioning baked goods, craft items and new and gently used items.

Freshman Orientation at Caston

Current eighth grade students at Caston and their parents are invited to attend freshman orientation Tuesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in the library. Mrs. Seufferer will explain the different diploma options, credits needed for graduation, and course selections for the freshman year. For more information contact the guidance office at 574-857-3505 ext. 342 or email seufferer@caston.k12.in.us.

Grass Creek/North Caston Alumni Banquet

The annual Grass Creek and North Caston alumni and friends banquet will be held Saturday, April 29, at the Caston Educational Center. A hospitality hour will begin at 5 p.m. and a buffet dinner will be served at 6 p.m. EDT.

The cost of the meal is \$12.50 per person. Reservations should be mailed to: Ann Becker, 5732 West 950 South, Kewanna, IN 46939 by April 22. After April 22, reservations should be made by phone to 574-889-2200 or in person.

AREA V MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, April 24 - Cornflake crumb pork chopette, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, wheat bread, Mandarin oranges and cookie

Wednesday, April 26 - Ham loaf, mushroom potatoes, brussel sprouts, wheat bread, spiced pears and brownie delight

Friday, April 28 - Vegetable soup and crackers, one-half chicken salad sandwich, broccoli, fresh apple and fruit salad

Meeting Notice

The Kewanna town council will meet in special session beginning at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at the Kewanna town hall to interview prospective engineering firms.

Observer Closed April 20 and 21

The Observer office and the town clerk-treasurer's office will be closed Thursday and Friday, April 20 and 21.

Sign-Up Period Extended for CRP

Area farmers and landowners are being informed that the signup period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been extended to April 28. The original deadline for making offers was April 14. Interested parties should contact their local Farm Service Agency office in order to schedule an appointment.

Rural Home Destroyed by Fire

The rural Kewanna home of Art and Dot Showley was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning, April 12.

Firefighters were called at 9:40 a.m. but were hampered by extremely high winds. Five fire departments, including Kewanna, were called to the scene.

The owners were enroute home from Florida when they were notified of the fire.

The home's worth was estimated at \$220,000. It was ruled a total loss.

April Blood Drives

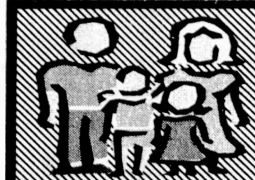
There will be two blood collection days in Fulton County in April. The American Red Cross is encouraging persons to make a double red cell donation. This is an advanced type of blood collection that allows qualified donors to give two units of red cells in one visit. While certain types are needed specifically for double cell donation, all blood types are needed for whole blood donation. Donors are asked to give double red cells this spring, and then take the summer off from donating blood to enjoy vacations and the weather since one must wait 16 weeks between donations. Donors who give traditional whole blood donations will have the opportunity to help build the summer blood supply by giving again in eight weeks.

The blood donations dates are 1 to 7 p.m. April 20 at the United Methodist Church in Akron and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 25 at the St. Joseph Parish Hall in Rochester.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, call 1-800-448-3543.

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Personals

Birthday Open House for Louise Masteller

A birthday open house will be held Sunday, April 23, for Louise Masteller in celebration of her 90th birthday. The event will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. EDT at the home of her son, J Masteller, 3619 S 700 W, Kewanna. The open house is being hosted by her children. Family, friends and acquaintances are welcome to attend and help her celebrate the occasion.

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Caston PTO

Accepting Used Books

The Caston PTO is accepting donations for its annual "Read Again" book fair. All items may be dropped off in the collection box or the elementary office. The book fair will be held May 10-12 during school hours. Please remember to keep donations suitable for school age children.

High school students and the public are also encouraged to shop at the book fair as there are many fiction and non-fiction books available as well as many different types of magazines to choose from.

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Megan Hsu Places Second in State Contest

Megan Hsu, Rochester Middle School 8th grader, won second place in the state Daughters of American Revolution (DAR)

essay contest. She will receive the award at the DAR Good Citizens and American History winners' luncheon April 30 in Indianapolis. Megan is the daughter of Drs. Wade and Eileen Hsu, Rochester. Megan won the Rochester DAR essay contest.

Veronica Sheets, Caston eighth grader, won the essay contest for the Caston Junior High. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Sheets, Fulton.

Both girls won checks for \$25 each for winning their respective school contests. The essay contest subject was *Benjamin Franklin - More than a Revolutionary*. Franklin's 300th birthday is being celebrated this year.

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EASTERN PULASKI MENU

April 24 - 28

Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Tuesday - Egg and cheese sandwich, juice and milk

Wednesday - Cook's choice

Thursday - Half day of school, no breakfast

Friday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Pizza, corn, peaches & bananas, cookie and milk

Tuesday - Chicken nuggets, California blend, applesauce, bread & butter and milk

Wednesday - Hot dog, baby carrots, orange, frosted grahams and milk

Thursday - Half day of school, no lunch

Friday - Ham and cheese sandwich, fries, grapes, animal crackers and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Cavatini, garlic

cheese bread, carrots, pineapple and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Burrito, corn, applesauce, brownie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, cinnamon roll, fruit salad and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Half day of school, no lunch

Friday - Taco salad with cheese, Tostitos, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice - potato bar

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CASTON MENU

April 24 - 28

Breakfast

Choice each day with juice and milk: cereal and toast, sausage/cheese bun, ham/cheese bun, or toaster pastry

Lunch

Monday - Cheeseburger, French fries, corn, cookie and milk. Comet Café - nachos

Tuesday - Soft tacos with meat and cheese, lettuce & tomato, apple and milk. Comet Café - fajita chicken wrap/chips

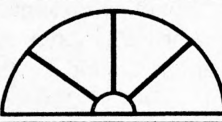
Wednesday - Pizza, green beans, applesauce, bread and butter, and milk. Comet Café - foot long hot dog combo

Thursday - Chicken patty sandwich, whipped potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, peaches and milk. Comet Café - Pepperoni pizza pocket and French fries

Friday - Corn dog, seasoned mini cubes, pineapple, graham crackers and milk. Comet Café - popcorn chicken salad and cheese stuffed breadsticks

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

The next sibling class at PMH will be Saturday, April 29, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. EDT. Students will receive education on adjusting to a new baby in the family. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children so they can participate in the class about six weeks before the birth of the new baby. To register for the class, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free service of PMH.

James F. Talbott

VFW Post No. 1121 Activities

April 8 - Men's meeting, 8:30 a.m.

April 9 - Easter egg hunt at firestation for infants through 11 year olds, 2:30 p.m.

April 18 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting at 7:30 p.m.

April 19 - Ladies Auxiliary card drawing, 7 p.m.

April 25 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

April 30 - Open Sunday at 12 noon. Free lunch and euchre, 1 p.m.

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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

April 10
Admissions - Reba Pfledderer, Rochester
Dismissals - None published
April 11
Admissions - Schenna Green, Rochester
Dismissals - Marilyn Hall and Reba Pfledderer, Rochester
April 12
Admissions - Patsy Baker and Sherry Rogers, Rochester
Dismissals - None published
April 13
Admissions - Janet Loveless, Kewanna
Dismissals - None published
April 14
Admissions - Charles Jones, Rochester
Dismissals - Sherry Rogers and Charles Jones, Rochester

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

April 7
Admissions - Helen Hansell, Winamac
Dismissals - Rudolph Messer, North Judson and Jennifer Goodman, Winamac
April 8
Admissions - None
Dismissals - None
April 9
Admissions - None
Dismissals - Ashley Carty and daughter, Monon
April 10
Admissions - Patricia Goble, Star City; Ernest Kopka, Kristina Girton and Lillian Vedok, Winamac; and Thomas Barnack, Knox
Dismissals - Daniel Edwards, Kewanna; Paula Masterson, Winamac
April 11
Admissions - Patricia Ricks and Wendy Vanderwall, Rochester; Paul Weaver, Monterey
Dismissals - Kristina Girton and Paul Weaver, Winamac
Births - Loyd Herrell and Patricia A. Ricks, Rochester, a son, Reese J. Herrell; Seth Owen Bowyer and son, Peyton Owen Bowyer
April 12
Admissions - None
Dismissals - Lillian Vedok, Winamac
April 13
Admissions - Sarah Andrews, San Pierre
Dismissals - Patricia Goble, Star City; Wendy Vanderwall and son, and Patricia Ricks and son, Rochester; Thomas Barnack, Knox
Births - Scott Allen and Sarah Louise Andrews, San Pierre, a daughter, Gabriel Wesley Andrews
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DEATHS.....

CHARLES F. BYFIELD

Charles F. Byfield, 79, Francesville, died at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 2006 at Our Lady of Holy Cross, San Pierre. Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. CDT Wednesday, April 19, at the Lake Bruce Cemetery with Marcia Cline officiating. The American Legion and VFW conducted military rites. There was no visitation.

Mr. Byfield was born March 20, 1927 at Sharpville, the son of Charles L. and Wilma M. Horton Byfield.

He was a graduate of Winamac High School and lived in the Winamac area most of his life. He received his BA and MA in music education from Butler University. Mr. Byfield retired in 1987 from Culver Community Schools after serving 20 years as a music teacher and band director. He formerly taught for 12 years at Kewanna, one year in Medaryville and also in the Aubbeenaubee and Grass Creek school systems. He was a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, Culver Classroom Teachers Association and the American Band Directors Association.

Byfield served in the U.S. Army during World War II as an MP. He was married to Nancy Hathaway in 1947.

Survivors include one daughter, Barbara VanHorn and her husband, Scot, of Culver; four

sons, Steve Byfield and his wife, Nancy, Paoli, Richard Byfield, Winamac, Gary Byfield, Elkhart, and Charles A. Byfield and his wife, Linda, Lafayette; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Leaine B. Gibson, Renton, Washington and Sherry M. Williams, Crown Point; and his former spouse, Nancy Finley, Leiters Ford. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, a sister and a grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice or the Winamac Presbyterian Church.
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HELEN ALBERTA ELMORE

Helen Alberta Elmore, LaPorte, died at 9 a.m. Monday, April 17, 2006, in LaPorte Hospital after an illness of six months.

Mrs. Elmore was born November 3, 1922 in Cardston, Alberta, Canada, the daughter of Glenn and Lillian Reaume Gilchrist.

A 1941 graduate of LaPorte High School, she had worked as a legal secretary for 58 years, 30 of which was for Osborn, Baugher, Roule & Johnson, retiring in 2005.

Survivors include four daughters, Carol Bennett, LaPorte, Lisa West and her husband, Bob, Kingsford Heights, Peg Elmore, Ft. Myers, Florida, and Barbara Steigely and her husband, Norman, Kewanna; two sons, Steven Galko, LaPorte, and Joseph Galko and his wife, Penny, Matagorda, Texas; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Leonard; a sister Peggy; and grandchildren, Doug and Greg Steigely.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. (central time) Thursday, April 20, at the Cutler Funeral Home, 2900 Monroe St., LaPorte. Rev. Hugh Smith will officiate and interment will be in the Patton Cemetery.
Visitation was held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and an hour

before the service on Thursday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army or the family of Helen Elmore. Family and friends may leave condolences and sign the register book at www.cutlerfuneral.com.
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ROBERT G. HICKLE

Services for Robert G. Hickle, 82, Logansport, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2006, in the Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport. Rev. Scott Ellison officiated and burial was in Ever-Rest Memorial Park.

Mr. Hickle died at 4:25 a.m. Monday, April 17, in Chase Center.

Born September 2, 1923, in Kewanna, he was the son of Elmer and Molly Blanchette Hickle. He was married October 5, 1949, in Winchester, to Martha Jackson, who preceded in death July 17, 2004.

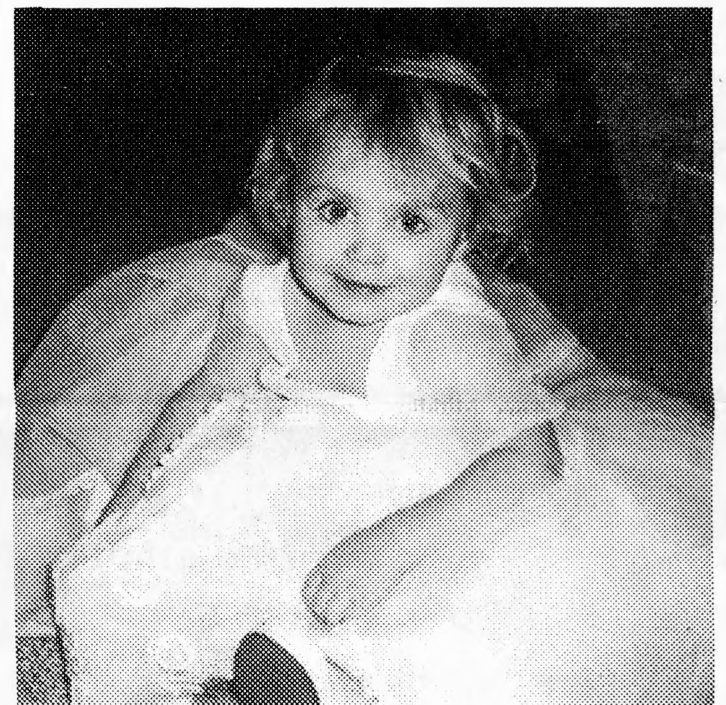
Hickle retired from Conrail Railroad in 1984 after 43 years of service as a block operator.

He was a member of Logansport Eagles Lodge #323, where he had served as Worthy President, Conductor of Aerie Degree Team, membership director and local club secretary for over 20 years. He also served on the state level as State Trustee and Zone Director.

Bob enjoyed dancing, Cincinnati Reds baseball and was an avid supporter of Indiana University basketball.

Surviving are two sons, Guy Hickle and his wife, Connie, Logansport, and Carl Hickle and his wife, Charlotte, Wolcott; one brother, Jack Hickle and his wife, Colleen, Lakeland, Florida; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.
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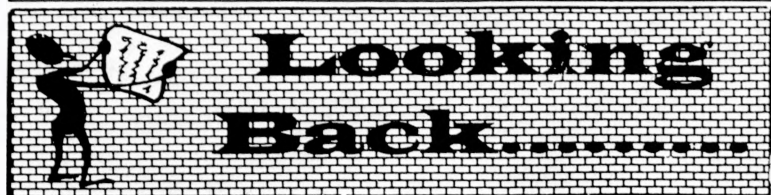
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FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

April 20, 1951

Nine people were involved in two automobile accidents Wednesday afternoon near Kewanna. The first incident occurred at the intersection of State Road 17 and the Leiters Ford road. Bill Bixler, coming back from the Leiters-Kewanna track meet, took a corner too fast and rolled his car. Passengers in the Bixler auto included Jim Aldridge, Paul Rans, Ronnie Hamman, Doug Ginn and Bill Masteller, all KHS students. No one was injured. The second accident involved cars driven by Kewanna coach Hal Peck and Wilbur Urbin. The accident occurred at the first one-way bridge south of Kewanna. Leonard MacIntire was a passenger in the Peck auto.

Kewanna principal, Keith DuBois, has released the school's calendar of events for the rest of the school year. They include a community basketball game April 19, junior high home economics party, April 20; ninth grade play at the Methodist Church, April 26; Youth for Christ rally, April 27; county track meet and music department operetta, May 1;

baccalaureate, May 4; pre-school clinic, May 9, last day of school and commencement, May 11; senior class trip to Washington D.C. and New York, May 15-23.

The State Road Cafe will re-open Saturday night or Monday morning. The announcement was made by Mel Ingram who will operate the tavern until David Felts retires, April 30. The tavern was purchased last month by Charles Felts from Harry Turey of Chicago. Felts then leased the building to his son, David.

Paul Buchanan, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Buchanan, received orders to report Friday at the Great Lakes Naval Base, Chicago, for examination and induction into the U.S. Navy.

The Kewanna Saddle Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Warmbrod for its April meeting. The group voted to have a ride at the Elston Sayers home May 6. Ray Myers dropped out of the club. The club voted unanimously to accept the Cloyd Zuck family for membership to take his place.

Little Jimmy Fisher, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Melvin Fisher, had his tonsils removed Friday, April 13, at Dr. Dean Stinson's office in Rochester.

Norma Jean Cohagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cohagan, Rt. 3, Kewanna, underwent an emergency appendectomy at Memorial Hospital in Logansport Saturday evening.

Pvt. James Zellers, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Zellers, Kewanna, is completing his Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

April 19, 1956

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Everett McVay, Kewanna, a son in Woodlawn Hospital. Mrs. McVay is the former Thelma Baker.

Mrs. Ray Smith, Kewanna, fell down her basement stairs Thursday. While no bones were broken, she was badly bruised and sprained.

The Wohelo 4-H Club met April 12 at the school. Barbara Masteller led the group in the pledge. Mary Nell Masteller and Jackie Vigus gave demonstrations on what type of material to choose for a third year dress and what should be put in the sewing box. For food preparation, Karen Baker gave a salad demonstration. Mary Zuck spoke on how to be a good member

Marcia Hizer, song leader, led the group in singing. Kathryn McKinney, Donna Hunter and Marilyn McColley were appointed to give demonstrations at the next meeting.

The Wayne Wide Awake 4-H Club met April 11 at the Grass Creek schoolhouse. Carita Rouch, president, was in charge of the meeting. Pledges were given by Elaine Hoff and Betty Showley. The secretary's report was read by Darlene Christopher.

Don Overmyer graduated from International Barber College in Indianapolis April 5, received his State Board license April 11, and is now employed at the Logansport State Hospital.

The Happy Hoosiers 4-H Club met April 16 at the home of Steve Rude. Election of officers was held. Bob McKinney was chosen president; Bill Downhour, vice president; Donna Earp, secretary and reporter; and Steve Rude, health and safety leader.

The Kewanna High School senior class arrived home Sunday evening from a trip to New York and Washington D.C. Chaperons were Mrs. Harold Woolington and Mr. Maurice Tolbert, coach.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

April 20, 1961

Kewanna was literally cutoff from the rest of the world Sunday afternoon until late Monday. A late spring blizzard closed all highways and blocked traffic in and out of town. The county highway department had already removed snow plows in preparation for spring work. It was necessary to remount the plows and try to keep ahead of the driving and freezing snow.

Mrs. John (Susan) Phillips, mother of Mrs. Carl Smith, Kewanna, passed away April 7 in Bradenton, Florida.

Richard Graffis of Kewanna will be among the county high school students who will compete in the 47th annual state high school contests Saturday, April 29, at Indiana University, Bloomington. Graffis will compete in the Spanish section.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hudkins will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary April 23 at their home

five miles northeast of Kewanna. The immediate family will enjoy dinner at the Court House View Gate in Rochester and an open house will be held in the afternoon for invited family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kumler spent the weekend in Noblesville visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Hoover and son Jeff. Enroute home, they became snowbound between Walton and Logansport and spent 18 hours in their car.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hamman spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamman in Mishawaka. Enroute home on Sunday they became snowbound in Rochester and stayed in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Robert Newcomer.

Longcliff State Hospital at Logansport held an open house recently for families of the nurses who are taking their psychiatric training there. Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson and Joyce were guests of Miss Kate McKinney.

FORTY YEARS AGO

April 21, 1966

The 14th annual Kewanna High School alumni Banquet was held Saturday evening, April 9, in the school gym with 260 members and guests present. The meal was prepared by the Monterey Methodist Men. The invocation was given by Mr. Bill Donathen. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Robert McKinney. The secretary's report was given by Mrs. Mary Ruth Ingram and the treasurer's report by Mrs. Joyce Luhnnow.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Skersick, Indianapolis, are the parents of a daughter, LeAnna Lynn, born April 8. The mother is the former Judy Ash. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Skersick of Kewanna are the paternal grandparents.

Named to the All A honor roll at Kewanna for the fifth grading period were Barbara Byfield, Janet Evers, Shirley Hoff, Judy Wilson, Debbie Cessna, Karla Garner, Dwaine Stigall, Carol Clyde, Tom Troutman and Jane Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sheetz, Rt. 1, Lucerne, will mark their 25th wedding anniversary April 19.

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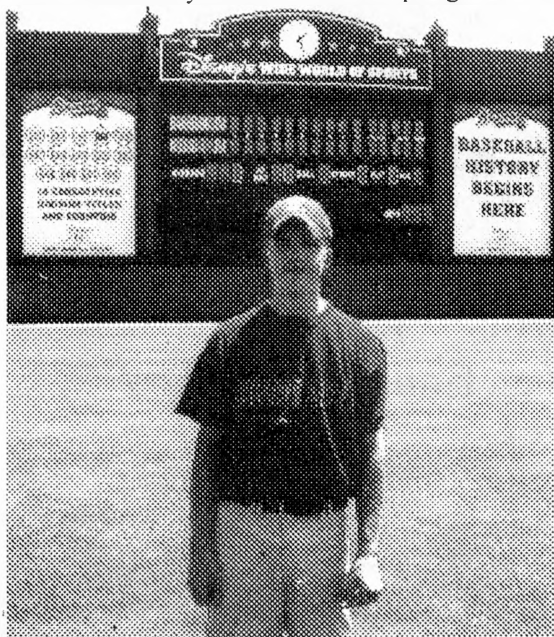
Local Resident Enjoys Trips to New York/Orlando

Mabel MacLain has returned home after a two-week trip to New York City, New York, and Orlando, Florida.

She traveled to New York City with her daughter and her family, Carol and Randall Basham, Brent and Bryce. Also making the trip was Randall's mother, Jerlean Basham. The occasion was to see the Louisville Cardinals play in the NIT basketball tournament at Madison Square Garden. The Cardinals were defeated by South

Carolina who went on to win the NIT. The group also toured the Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty and Ground Zero. They stayed in a hotel on Times Square.

Mabel and company returned to Louisville on Friday and on Saturday she left with her other daughter and her family, Dee and David Jones, Justin and Derek, for Orlando, Florida. This trip was to watch Justin play baseball in the Walt Disney Wide World of Sports complex. He plays for the Bullitt East of Mount Washington, Kentucky, and this was a spring training event.



JUSTIN JONES

David's mother, Diane Poole, and his grandmother, Lina Wright, also made the trip along with friends, Megan Schindler and Josh Sterns.

According to Mabel, it was a fast two weeks and she enjoyed every minute of it.

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Small Business Counseling

Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about operating their own business by attending confidential counseling sessions provided by the regional Small Business Development Center and SCORE.

Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), this service is free to Fulton County residents. A business counselor can help current and prospective business owners with business plans, marketing, arranging financing and growing a business.

A counselor is available the second Wednesday of each month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. To schedule an appointment for May 10, call 574-223-3326.

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HOPE HOSPICE ANNIVERSARY

On April 14th Hope Hospice of Fulton County reached another milestone, their eleventh anniversary. Executive Director Len Martin invited Rev. Ronald Purkey, the former executive director, to bring Good Friday devotions to the staff on that day. Those present included Rev. Martin; nurses Brenda Purkey, RN, Mary Lou Reed, RN, and Mary Kay Towne, RN; and nursing aide, Cozetta Piper.

Brenda Purkey and Rev. Purkey have served as members of the Board of Directors since the founding of Hope Hospice on April 14, 1995. They shared with the staff the early days of the hospice and told of people like the late Jim Zimmerman and Dr. Michael Brubaker who are responsible for the success of the not-for-profit organization. Zimmerman, from Zimmerman Family Funeral Home, donated both office space and office equipment to Hope Hospice and Dr. Brubaker, from the Fulton County Clinic, has served as a

Hope Hospice volunteer for eleven years as the unpaid medical director.

Rev. Martin thanks the Fulton County community for their generous support over the years and appreciates the many kind words of appreciation that have been expressed to him and to the staff about the hospice. You may send an anniversary greeting to Hope Hospice by writing to their office at P.O. Box 621, Rochester, Indiana 46755.

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General Fiction— *Gone* (from the Alex Delaware series) by Jonathan Kellerman.

Large Print Christian Fiction— *Summer of The Midnight Sun* (#1 from the Alaskan Quest series) by Tracie Peterson and *The Soldier's Lady* (#2 from the Carolina Cousins series) by Michael Phillips.

JUVENILES:

Ages 7-10 Nonfiction— *An Egg is Quiet* by Dianna Aston.

Teenage Christian Fiction— *The Drummer Boy's Battle* and *Traitor in The Tower* (#21 and #22 from the Trailblazer Books series) by Dave and Neta Jackson; *The Raider's Promise* (#5 from the Viking Quest series) by Lois Walfrid Johnson; *New*

Horizons (#1 from the Mandie, Her College Days series) by Lois Gladys Leppard; and *The Discovery and The Mirage* (#1 and #2 from the Christian Heritage Series: The Santa Fe Years) by Nancy Rue.

Teenage General Fiction— *My Almost Epic Summer* by Adele Griffin.

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April Showers Bring Home Improvement Scams

Attorney General Steve Carter

For a large portion of the state, April showers turned into major thunderstorms causing damage to homes and businesses. Many people will hire individuals to make improvements, and while most contractors are hard working and honest, it's important to be on the lookout for unscrupulous individuals who may be seeking to profit from the severe weather.

Sometimes a scam artist will show up at your door and offer to make repairs. Be skeptical if the person says he just finished work on your neighbor's house and has just enough materials to do repair

work on yours.

Below are some tips on finding a contractor:

- Take your time and don't let a contractor rush your decision.
- Do research and know how much you can afford and what needs to be done.
- Talk to your friends and family about contractors they recommend.
- Opt for local, well-established contractors and don't assume that an ad makes a contractor reliable.
- Be skeptical if a bid is too low. Cheaper is not necessarily better.
- Get bids in writing.
- Check with your city or county building department to determine the licensing requirements for your area and if the contractor you are considering is properly licensed, bonded and insured.

Indiana law requires home improvement contracts exceeding \$150 to be in writing. Before signing the contract, make sure it includes the price of the job, a payment schedule, a detailed description of the work, an estimated start and completion date, the contractors name and address, and a name and telephone number of the person to contact if a problem arises as well as the contractor's signature.

Never pay for the entire project before the work begins. Do not pay more than one-third of the total cost as a down payment. Remaining payments should be tied to completion of specified amounts of work.

Don't make the final payment to

the contractor until you know that all subcontractors and/or suppliers have been paid. Get written proof of payment because subcontractors and suppliers may file a mechanics lien against your home if they haven't been paid.

Be sure to get a copy of warranties and keep all records related to your project. This includes the contract, change orders, warranties and correspondence. These records are important particularly if you have a problem.

Even if precautions are taken, problems can arise. Take time to talk to the contractor to resolve these issues and if problems continue, put your complaints in writing and send them to the contractor.

If you have questions or complaints regarding home improvement scams contact our Consumer Protection Division at www.in.gov/attorneygeneral or call 1-800-382-5516.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

As teens throughout Kewanna prepare for prom celebrations, we can all help them stay safe by encouraging responsible celebrations that do not include alcohol. Like everyone else in the community, Tippecanoe Beverages is concerned about underage drinking and drunk driving. We have a long-standing commitment to being part of the solution to alcohol abuse issues by working with parents, educators, law enforcement officials, and local businesses through proven awareness and education programs.

Research shows that parents have the greatest influence on the decisions teens make about drinking alcohol. To help parents talk with their teens about drinking, Tippecanoe Beverages distributes free copies of *Family Talk about Drinking* and *College Talk: A Guide for Parents of College-Bound Students about Drinking*. These materials may be

downloaded at www.familytalkonline.com and www.collegetalkonline.com or by calling 574-946-666 Ext. 318.

To prevent illegal sales to those under 21, we help provide training programs to sellers and servers of alcohol so they can effectively identify patrons of legal purchase age and stop sales to minors. As part of this training, we offer *We I.D.* materials, including wristbands, We I.D. cards and I.D. books that contain color photographs of driver's licenses from all 50 states and Canada.

Some parents and adults may be tempted to host parties for teens with alcohol or to buy alcohol for them for a "special event" like prom. Our *Prevent, Don't Provide* program reminds parents and adults to do their part in preventing underage drinking by not hosting these parties or purchasing alcohol for teens if they get "shoulder tapped." Through this program, we provide retailers with cooler stickers, change mats, signage, and other point-of-sale tools to draw attention to this issue and cause adults who might consider providing alcohol to teens to "think again."

Underage drinking is a serious issue, but progress has been steady, thanks to increased awareness about the consequences of underage drinking, and increased law enforcement. The good news is 71% of minors ages 12-20 – more than 26 million – are doing the right thing by not drinking. In addition, the number of fatalities in teen drunk-driving crashes has declined 64% since 1982, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

We all can help these positive trends continue by encouraging young people to stay safe, exercise personal responsibility and respect the law, not only during prom season, but every day.

We know you share our concerns about these issues, so please contact us if we can help with your plans to address underage drinking and drunk driving. You can also visit www.beeresponsible.com for more general information about our efforts to fight alcohol abuse.

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LOCALS

Ray and Beth Weller hosted their family's Easter gathering Sunday, April 16. Their guests for dinner and an afternoon of visiting were their son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Belinda Weller of LaPorte; their daughters and sons-in-law, Randi and Steve Neidig of Bourbon and Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans; their grandsons and their families, Chad and Deb Weller, Tyler and Cody, of Rolling Prairie and Doug and Kara Sutton and Ethan of Goshen; and their great-grandson Riley Sutton.

Rich and Jan Green hosted their family's holiday gathering Sunday. Joining them at church services in the morning and then for dinner were Dawn and Rick Nikolich, Brittany, Samantha and Luke; their son, Dale Green; their grandson, Holt Harding; Jane's mother, Ann Zartman; and Jane's sister, Shirley Zartman. Calling the family in the afternoon to visit with them was Dawn's daughter, Haley Harding.

Tom and Linda Garner had company Sunday. Joining them for an Easter get-together were their son, T.J. Garner, and their daughters and their families, Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna of Twelve Mile and Amanda and Don Wassermann and Zach of

Valparaiso.

Jerry and Kay Brown hosted their family's Easter get-together Sunday. Joining them for an afternoon of visiting and dinner were their sons and their families, Kerry and Karen Brown of Rushville and Mark and Mick Brown; their daughters and their families, Sue and Mike McKinney and Molly, and Angie and Tom Smith, Leighnee, Kaelee, Aidan and William, all of Rochester; their grandson and his family, Ted and Faith Brown and Chloe; their grandchildren, Kyle McKinney, Cory Smith and Jessica, Lindsay and Michael C. Brown; Kay's mother, Mary K. Williamson of Winamac; her sister, Rita Williamson; and her nephew, Christopher Williamson. Stopping by for short visits were Jerry and Kay's son, Mike Brown, and Jerry's sister and brother-in-law, Vivian and Bob Hathaway of Warsaw.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle had company for Easter. Joining them for a dinner (which included ham, lamb and chicken) and a lot of fishing were Barb's daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Ed Janes, and grandsons, Tom and Joe Wilk, of LaPorte.

Mathilda Lamb had Easter visitors. Joining her for lunch and treating her to a beautiful springtime drive through the countryside were her son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Cathy Lamb of Peru.

Helen Whiteman was an Easter

dinner guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Monica Whiteman of Winamac.

Ellen Walsh hosted her family's Easter gathering Sunday. Her guests for dinner and an afternoon of visiting were her sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Deb Walsh of Fulton and Dan and Paula Walsh; her son, Mike Walsh of Highland; Kathy and Ken Ritz, Kyle and Bryan; her granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Crista Skinner and Hailey of Anoka; and her granddaughter and her husband, Leah and Brock Hinderlider.

Donnabelle and Bill Fisher were Easter dinner guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Terry Young of Winamac.

Jeff and Tonya Good, Tosha, Allie and Devin, of Indianapolis were weekend guests of his parents, Joe and Karen Good. Joining them for Easter dinner on Sunday were Ryan Baker of West Lafayette, Forrest and Elnora Baker, Bruce and Denise Baker, Daniel Baker and friend Andrea, and Mark and Kelly Smith, Lindsey, Kara and Zachary.

Easter Sunday dinner guests of Luther and Shirley Bussert were Elayne Ingram, Becky Anderson, Wade Bussert and Ryan Bussert. Afternoon callers were Bob Rans and Mary Watters.

Public Notice

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The Township Board of Henry Township, Fulton County, Indiana will hold a public hearing on the 2nd day of May, 2006 at 9 a. m. at the office of the Henry Township Trustee, Akron, Indiana, for the purpose of approving the Library Capital Projects Fund Plan for the year 2007, for the Akron Carnegie Public Library.

Becky Gearhart
Township Trustee

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HEARING ON PROPOSED CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND RATE

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Fulton County, Fulton County, Indiana that the Fulton County Council will meet in the Commissioners Meeting Room at 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 to consider the establishment rate of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund under the provisions of Indiana Code 36-9-14.5 for the purposes as follows:

Section 1 - That there is hereby a re-establishment of the Fulton County Cumulative Capital Development Fund pursuant to the purposes of I.C. 36-9-14.5.

Section 2 - That an ad valorem property tax levy was imposed and the revenues from the levy will be retained in the Fulton County Cumulative Development Fund.

Section 3 - That the maximum rate of levy under Section 2 of this ordinance will not exceed .0333 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation continuing until rate is reduced or rescinded.

Section 4 - That the funds accumulated in the Fulton County Cumulative Capital Development Fund will be to provide funds for the provisions listed in I.C. 36-9-14.5-2.

Section 5 - Notwithstanding Section 4 of this ordinance, funds accumulated in the Fulton County Cumulative Development Fund may be used for purposes other than the purposes stated in Section 4 if the purpose is to protect the public health, welfare or safety in an emergency situation which demands immediate action. Money may be spent under that authority of this emergency section only after the Board of Commissioners issues a declaration that the public health, welfare, or safety is in immediate danger and that the emergency requires the expenditure of money in said fund.

Section 6 - This rate increase takes effect upon approval of the State Board of Tax Commissioners pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 36-9-14.5.

The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$.0333 (cents) per \$100 of assessed valuation. The proposed fund rate will be levied beginning with taxes due and payable in the year 2007. Taxpayers appearing at such hearing shall have the right to be heard thereon. The proposal for the established rate of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund is subject to the approval by the Department of Local Government Finance, who will require a Notice of Submission to be given to the taxpayers by publication. After the publication of the Notice of Submission, 50 or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than 30 days after publication, setting forth their objections to the proposed levy.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2006.

FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL

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Easter dinner guest of Virginia Agnew included Ed and Marsha Tomerlin and Erin Tomerlin and Ashlyn of Hebron; Eric and Connie Tomerlin, Megan and Jacob, of Valparaiso; John and Pam Agnew, Jarrod and Amy Agnew, Zachary and Alexis, Jeff and Tina Agnew, Shayna and Kayleena, and Jeff and Kim Hunter, Raeann and Caleb, all of Rochester; Greg and Jackie Agnew of Warner Robins, Georgia; Jeremy Agnew, Westfield; and Pat and Virgil Zellers of here. Everyone enjoyed watching the little ones hunt Easter eggs in the afternoon, along with a lot of visiting.

Barb and Jon Gast had callers Easter day. Joining them for dinner was Barb's sister, Betty Leazenby. Stopping by throughout the afternoon for short visits were Randi and Steve Neidig, Rick Weller and Chad and Deb Weller, Tyler and Cody.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Jeff Agnew, Chloe Brown, Carly Scott, Kelsey Scott and Kristie Wallace, April 23; Karina Bohac, Linda Ligocki, Kaleb Meek and Alice Myers, April 25; Nancy Bangel and Sarah Smith, April 26; Reagan Watson, April 27; Danny Chew and Jim Cogdill, April 28; and Jim Fisher, Pat Smith and Roger Vogel, April 29.

There are nine couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wegner, April 23; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Kumler, April 24; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Brazier, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dutches and Mr. and Mrs. Chad Warner, April 25; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sutton, April 26; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clyde, April 27; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Baldwin, April 28; and Mr. and Mrs. Chris LaFollette, April 29.

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The next nationwide ACT test date for college-bound high school students is Saturday, June 10. Students must register online or have their paper registrations postmarked by the end of the day May 5. Late registration postmark deadline is May 19 (an additional \$18 fee is required for late registration after May 5).

The June test date is a popular one for juniors. Around two-thirds of test-takers in June have just completed eleventh grade. Many of them take the ACT, check their scores and then decide whether to re-test in the fall or winter of their senior year.

The ACT includes an optional writing test. Most colleges do not require a writing score, so students should check the admissions requirement of colleges they're considering before registering for the ACT. The cost is \$29 without and \$43 with the writing test.

Students can receive information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register online at www.actstudent.org. The website also features test tips, practice tests, an online test prep program, and a database for students to find out if a prospective college requires a writing score.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation including all Ivy League schools. The ACT is an academic achievement exam that includes four areas - English, reading, math and science.

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Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the Fulton County Public Library that the library board will meet at 320 W. 7th St, Rochester, IN, on May 1, 2006, at 4:00 pm, for the purpose of considering a proposal to establish a Library Capital Projects Fund and a proposed plan under IC 36-12-12. The following is a general outline of the proposed plan.

CURRENT EXPENDITURES	Current Year		Budget Year	
	2006	2007	2008	2009
(1) Planned construction, repair, replacement or remodeling	\$81,018	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
(2) Site Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(3) Site development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(4) Emergency Allocation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(5) Purchase, lease, repair, & maintenance of equipment	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
(6) Purchase, lease, maint, & repair of PC hardware	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
SUBTOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$96,018	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
(7) Allocation for future projects	\$26,827	\$15,852	\$9,230	\$7,135
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND ALLOCATIONS	\$122,845	\$135,852	\$129,230	\$127,135

SOURCES AND ESTIMATES OF REVENUE		2006	2007	2008	2009
January 1, cash balance		\$100,652	\$26,827	\$15,852	\$9,230
Less encumbered appropriations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cash balance available for current plan		\$100,652	\$26,827	\$15,852	\$9,230
Property Tax revenue		\$62,524	\$99,203	\$103,171	\$107,298
Auto excise & FIT receipts		\$4,380	\$9,623	\$10,008	\$10,408
Other (Interest)		\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN		\$122,845	\$135,852	\$129,230	\$127,135

Projected tax rate for Library Capital Projects Fund: 0.0091 0.0133 0.0133 0.0133

The projected tax rates are based on estimated assessed valuations of: \$ 678,076,961 \$ 745,884,657 \$ 775,720,043 \$ 806,748,845

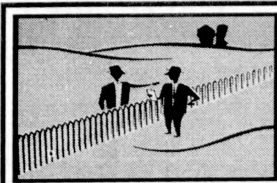
INSTRUCTIONAL NOTE: Total Expenditures & Allocations must always equal Total Fund Available for Plan. Encumbered appropriations must be evidenced by either a contract or purchase order and a valid appropriation.

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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Barb and Tom LaFollette were in Logansport Monday, April 10. They did some shopping and had lunch.

Helen Miller had a houseguest last week. Arriving Monday for a week-long visit was her son Ron Miller of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Bill and Donnabelle Fisher had company early in the week. Arriving Monday for a four-day visit was their nephew, Rick Fisher of Knox.

Several Lake Bruce locals met Tuesday evening, April 11, at the Moose lodge in Rochester. Gathering for the meal of wings were Bob and Carol Broda, Tom and Barb LaFollette, Rick and Carolyn Metzger, Norm Steigley and Hugh and Maryellyn Tennent.

Helen Whiteman had supper guests Wednesday, April 12. Coming by to join her for the meal and a visit were her granddaughters and their children, Andrea Hook and Rylee of Winamac and Teresa Conner, Brandon and Tristan.

Don and Pauline Scales had a couple of callers Thursday, April 13. Stopping by to lend a hand with some outside chores were their daughters, Ellen Heiden of Columbia City and Linda Garner.

Helen Whiteman accompanied her daughter, Dr. Cindy Parker, to Elkhart Thursday to take care of some business.

Wilma Wilson had a holiday weekend visitor. Staying with her for a few days was her sister, Vera Ambrose of Byron Center,

Michigan.

Kayci Cunningham of Evansville took a few days off from her studies to spend the weekend visiting with friends and family.

Helen Miller and Ron had company Friday. Stopping by for a family chat were Helen's son and great-grandson, Kenneth Miller and Clay Hilliard of Plymouth.

Fred and Barbara Brown were Saturday morning, April 15, visitors of Pauline Brown and Julie.

Mathilda Lamb had company Saturday. Coming for a delightful afternoon visit were her daughter-in-law, Judy Lamb of Ft. Wayne, and Patti and Jeff Bontempo, Justin and Jessica of Indianapolis.

Helen Whiteman had a caller Saturday. Stopping by for an afternoon visit was Dr. Cindy Parker of Winamac.

Dawn and Rick Nikolich, Brittany, Samantha and Luke, of Charlotte, Michigan arrived

Saturday for an overnight holiday visit with Dawn's parents, Jane and Rich Green.

Chris and Nita LaFollette, Michele, Michael, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Thomas of LaPorte hosted their family's Easter celebration Saturday. Their guests for an Easter egg hunt, dinner and flying kites were Chris' parents, Barb and Tom LaFollette; his sister and her family, Karina and Terry Bohac, Shelby and Nick, of Rochester; and family friend, Kathy Barlow of Kokomo.

Ellen Walsh had company over the holiday weekend. Staying as her houseguests for a couple of days were her daughter and family, Kathy and Ken Ritz, Kyle and Bryan, of Munster.

Maria and Dave Evers hosted the Evers Easter gathering Saturday in the community room of the local fire station. Their guests for dinner and an exciting afternoon of visiting were Maria's daughters and their families, Dara Dollar and her friend, Jarrett of Indianapolis and Jessica and Londi Hernandez and

J.C.; Dave's parents, Leonard and Nancy Evers; his sister and brother-in-law, Janet and C.J. Yocum of Rochester; his sister, Diane Evers of Indianapolis; his brothers and their families, Gary Evers and granddaughter, Hailey, of Michigan City, John and Mary Jane Evers, Candice and Garrett, of Indianapolis and Brian and Kandi Evers, Lauren and Amanda; his nieces and their families, Brenda and Chad Warner, Taylor and Hayden, of Star City and Jennifer and Brent Hamman, Ashlee and Blake; his nephew and his wife, Scott and Erin Evers; his nephews and niece, Brandon Evers of Rochester and Kristin Evers and Eric Novak of Logansport; and Candice's mother, Jane Leach.

Angie Smith of Rochester was the guest of honor at a large gathering Saturday. The surprise party was in honor of her 40th birthday and held at the Moose lodge in Rochester.

Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center hosted the Wilson family Easter gathering Saturday evening. Among their guests were Mary Lou's mother and aunt, Wilma Wilson and Vera Ambrose.

Judy Mills was a Saturday overnight houseguest of her mother and brother, Helen Miller and Ron.



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